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SUBJECT: SPANISH LANGUAGE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION SEMINAR

- EMBASSY PLEASE PASS UNESCO DRUG OFFICE,

- NICOLE FRIDERICH

1. THE WHITE HOUSE SPECIAL ACTION OFFICE FOR DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION IS SPONSORING A DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION/ PREVENTION SEMINAR TO BE CONDUCTED IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO ON MAY 5 THROUGH 16, 1975. WE CORDIALLY EXTEND INVITATION FOR SPANISH-SPEAKING REPRESENTATIVE OF UNESCO CONCERNED WITH DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION TO OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR. WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FUNDING FOR OBSERVERS. PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED FROM OVER TEN LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, AND WE ANTICIPATE BETWEEN 18 AND 26 PARTICIPANTS.

2. SEMINAR DESCRIPTION. THE SEMINAR IS DESIGNED TO DIS-
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CUSS, STUDY, AND EVALUATE THE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN RECENT YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND TO DISCUSS THE CROSS-CULTURAL APPLICABILITY OF THESE EXPERIENCES. THE SEMINAR WILL BE

ADDRESSED BY SOME OF THE LEADING DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION EXPERTS IN THE UNITED STATES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH SPANISH-SPEAKING

AMERICANS AND LATIN AMERICANS. THE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE SEMINAR IS TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES WITH LATIN AMERICAN EDUCATORS IN THIS FIELD AND TO INITIATE RESEARCH ON THE CROSS-CULTURAL APPLICABILITY OF THE U.S. DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION EXPERIENCE. IN ADDITION, THE SEMINAR HOPEFULLY WILL STIMULATE ACTIVITIES IN THE DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION FIELD IN LATIN AMERICA. THE SEMINAR WILL DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH ISSUES OF EDUCATION AND PREVENTION, INCLUDING CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT, MEDIA EFFORTS, NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND SPECIFIC PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS. SEVERAL SITE VISITS WILL BE MADE TO DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION/PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND TREATMENT/REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, BOTH IN ALBUQUERQUE AND OTHER CITIES IN NEW MEXICO.

3. PARTICIPANTS ARE PRIMARILY EDUCATORS AND NATIONAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS WHO ARE CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS. THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE PROVIDING THEIR INTERNATIONAL AIRFARE.

4. WE HOPE THAT UNESCO WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE OBSERVER. REGRET SHORT NOTICE, BUT FINALIZATION OF PLANS FOR SEMINAR ONLY RECENTLY CONCLUDED. PLEASE ADVISE U.S. EMBASSY IN PARIS OF DECISION. IF CAN PARTICIPATE, SPONSORS HAPPY TO ARRANGE HOUSING AND MEET AT AIRPORT. EMBASSY PLEASE SLUG RESPONSE CABLES FOR COWAN, NSC FOR SAODAP. KISSINGER

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